

Oakhurst NORTH *News*

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OAKHURST NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Hello friends and neighbors!

I hope you enjoyed the fall season with your family, friends and neighbors, I think our kids certainly enjoyed trick or treating in our neighborhood.

We are grateful for our wonderful community and appreciate your cooperation in maintaining its beauty and charm. In our commitment to preserve and enhance our community, the HOA board has been diligently working on several fronts:

- Our contractor, V3 started the shoreline restoration of the Pond located in the community on the north side of Liberty (behind homes on the east-west portion of Asbury Drive).
- During October V3 completed the property line staking. The construction crew will be clearing trees up to the property line along the south side of the pond for access and plan to complete the project by the end of the year if the weather permits.
- The HOA board is working with the City of Aurora regarding their stormwater management responsibility around our community ponds. The city advised it will take them some time to research a response as they have to reference records from the 1990s. Also working with V3 to prepare and submit a DuPage County Water Quality Improvement Program grant for one of the pond's restoration and maintenance.
- Our contractor, Elevations, planted Fall flowers near the monuments and at the Sportscore entrance. Also, holiday decoration lights were installed at the entrances.
- We have updated the TownSq website Documents folder, moved older document files to the archive folder and kept the latest information to eliminate any confusion for Oakhurst North residents. If you notice any outdated or missing information, then please contact Associa to keep it current.

Your participation and engagement whether on the board, or a committee, or attending board meetings, ensures that the priorities and concerns of our community are addressed effectively. If you have a passion, interest, or talent you would like to share with the community (or a concern), please reach out to Associa or a board member. All are always welcome to attend a board meeting or use TownSq to post a request or start a forum conversation.

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous and peaceful time. I hope your days are filled with happiness, and the joy of the season within our wonderful community.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7PM
@ THE SPORTSCORE CLUBHOUSE

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- *Welcome to the Neighborhood* -

IF YOU RUN INTO ANY OF OUR NEW RESIDENTS, PLEASE SAY HELLO AND WELCOME THEM!

Tejashree Patil and Abhijeet Mugade 2675 Harlstone Drive **Closed 9/10/24**

Ankit and Mansi Tyagi 671 Brooklyn Drive **Closed 10/7/24**

Vijaybabu Krishnamoorthy and Rekha Neelakandan 2725 Kendridge Lane **Closed 10/18/24**

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LET'S MAKE Kindness THE HEART OF Our Holidays




By Kay Kellogg

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, the holiday season brings a special kind of magic — twinkling lights, warm mugs of cocoa, and the timeless melodies of cherished songs filling the air. But the true magic of this season lies in something far greater: kindness. It's the shared warmth that binds us, reminding us that the holidays are about coming together in care and compassion.

Extend a little kindness this holiday season and make it a part of everyday life. Every year, as the season approaches, we should strive to create something extraordinary: a community powered by generosity and love.

It starts with simple gestures. A handwritten note invites neighbors to a cookie exchange. Families huddling together to organize the annual Turkey Bowl, filling the air with laughter and friendly competition. Children craft ornaments by hand and deliver them, smiles shining brighter than any holiday lights, to the older residents on the block.



Then there are the quieter acts of kindness that leave a lasting impact. A single mom discovers a gift card in her mailbox, paired with a note wishing her a joyful holiday. After a snowstorm, an elderly couple wakes to find their driveway mysteriously shoveled. A struggling family receives a surprise grocery delivery, complete with everything needed for a holiday feast.

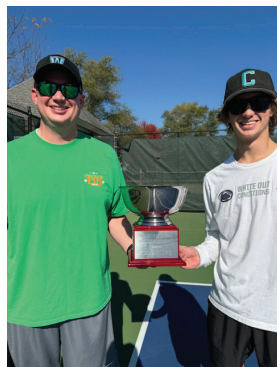
This year let's all get inspired. What if we made kindness the centerpiece of our holidays? Knock on a neighbor's door with a plate of cookies. Offer help to someone quietly in need. Or simply share a smile and a warm word with someone who might need it more than you know. Driving through the neighborhood Starbucks? Buy coffee for the folks behind you!

These acts may seem small, but their impact is profound. They remind us that holidays aren't about perfection or material things—they're about being there for one another. Let's light up our neighborhood with more than just decorations. Let's shine with kindness.



Pickleball Tournament

The 2024 Oakhurst North Pickleball Family Tournament (2nd Annual) saw a rematch from the previous year. However, this time it was the O’Toole Family that took home the prize over the Giannone Family. In total there were 20 families that participated with some extra awards handed out - Sportsmanship Awards to the Marty/Patterson/ White Families and a Tough Luck Injury Loser to the Flanders Family. This year we also introduced the inaugural singles tournament that was take by Jeff Bach over Finn O’Toole. Stay on the lookout for the 2025 editions that will start next summer.



Residents Celebrate Diwali

The Oakhurst North Indian community celebrated Diwali on November 15th to mark the Indian festival that symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. The evening was filled with cultural programs conducted by the residents. There were fireworks and delicious food to celebrate the evening. The residents and their families participated wholeheartedly, making it a grand success.

Diwali is typically celebrated by socializing and exchanging gifts with family and friends. Lighting of earthen oil lamps or candles and fireworks are also part of the celebration.



Turkey Bowl

Once again, Oakhurst North residents gathered together in Brooklyn Park for the 3rd annual Turkey Bowl on November 28th. The event not only brings people together but also highlights the sense of community, and we are thankful to the Hunt family for rekindling this meaningful gathering. Meeting at Brooklyn Park on Thanksgiving morning from 9-11:30am, residents gather for a fun game of flag football, refreshments, and camaraderie (close to 75 people attended last year's event!) The newsletter went to print before the event but look for photos in our next issue!

Bowling League

Did you know that Oakhurst North has a bowling league? The league is a fun way to interact with neighbors in the spirit of friendly competition. We are currently underway in the 2024-2025 bowling season. During the months of September through May, we meet on the third Saturday of every month at Parkside Lanes in Aurora. We typically have about 10-14 teams with 4-8 members per team. We will have the opportunity to add more teams to the league for the 2025-2026 season, so look for that announcement on TownSq this coming summer 2025. If you are interested in being a part of the current season, we are often looking for more subs! If you would like to be added to the sub list to see what it is all about or if you have any questions regarding the bowling league, please contact Karen O'Toole at oakhurstnorthbowling@gmail.com.

Book Club

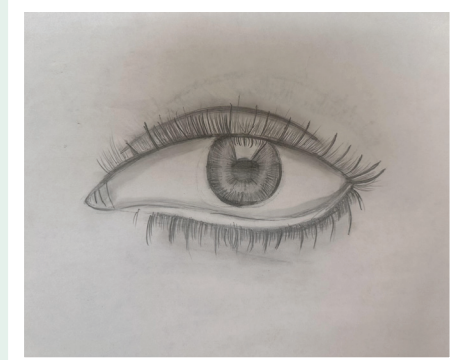
Are you looking to connect with neighbors while staying in touch with the world of literature? Are you a book lover but have not been able to find time to get back to your favorite hobby? You will be glad to know that the neighborhood Book Club meets from time to time to discuss books they are reading. The current book is Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley. Please contact Meghali at megkali.mazumdar@gmail.com for more information on how to join the Book Club.

The Art Corner

When received, we like to feature artwork of Oakhurst North community residents in this section of the newsletter. We are always looking for new submissions. If you have an artistic skill of any kind, it could be music, photography, drawing, storytelling, etc., we would love to feature it in the newsletter. Please feel free to send your submissions to kaykellogghomes@gmail.com.

For our December issue, we are featuring the artwork of **Pahel Patel**.

Pahel is a 4th grader at Young Elementary School who loves to draw and color. She loves to express her thoughts through drawing/making cards, or letters with emojis. Much of her practice for her art comes from simply watching YouTube videos. The landscape photo was done with soft pastels. And what an amazing detailed drawing of the eye! Looking at these pictures, you have to agree that Pahel has incredible artistic ability!



WHAT ARE **modifications?**

We have done many articles on modifications within our community. Our last newsletter in September focused on the community mailbox guidelines and all the community rules. Modifications have to do with ANY change to the exterior of your property, any and all changes must be approved by the community association before work begins. Please keep this in mind as we are part of an association for a reason-to maintain the high standards within the community. To begin work without a request is not only negligent, but you may have fines attached to your property.

So, this winter take a good look at the exterior of your property and if you want to modify anything (from painting, to a new roof, landscape changes, etc.), please contact the community association and complete a modification form (found on Townsq) and get it approved in advance of Spring so you can be ready to go! Thanks for your cooperation.

HELP WANTED!

If you have not yet volunteered within the Oakhurst North community, now is your chance! Please thoughtfully consider doing your part within the community and volunteer for one of the following positions:

Modifications Committee Member

You will help approve or disapprove of all the projects presented by homeowners within the community. This is a very important job to help us maintain the integrity of the neighborhood rules and guidelines.

Oakhurst North Community Board Member

If you truly want to have a voice in the community, you will volunteer for this position. Instead of sitting back, why not get involved? There are so many people who have given their time to this job, is it maybe your time to step up? Candidate forms for the vote in March of 2025 will be going out in January. Please consider selflessly giving of your time to the board.

Pond & Wetland Restoration Project



Once again, the company who oversees our pond and wetlands restoration project will be coming to Oakhurst North for a presentation and Q&A for homeowners in December. This project has been planned for many months/years, so please come out with any constructive questions you may have for this project. Be on the lookout for an email from Townsq (if you are not signed up for the association e-blasts from the Townsq site, get signed up now with instructions in this newsletter!!)

PARENTS BOOK CLUB AT OAKHURST NORTH COMMUNITY:

The Anxious Generation

Concerned about the effects of technology on children, the principal of Granger Middle school, Mr. Davenport made a call to the parent community to come together to start a parent book club for the book, “The Anxious Generation” by best-selling author, Jonathan Haidt in their communities/neighborhood. In the book, Haidt, a social psychologist, argues that the widespread use of smartphones, social media combined with overprotective parenting have led to a “rewiring” of children’s brains and a rise in mental health problems. In answering Mr. Davenport’s call, members of the Oakhurst North community came together to form a community book club to discuss the book readings. After seeking interest in the book club in our community, around 10 community members came together to discuss the book. Oakhurst North residents Shalu and Prabha led the book club, and the club members met with each other either at member’s homes or online over three meetings to carry on enriching discussions. “Insightful” “empowering”, were some of the words used by members to describe their experiences being part of the book club.

One member shared that “the book’s advice on supporting kids in a tech-driven world, combined with discussions on real experiences from other parents, gave her practical ideas to help raise a healthier, less anxious generation.” While noting the solidarity in parental concerns, “how alike we are in dealing with daily challenges involving kids and technology”, another member shared that there is power in working collaboratively to address this issue. She stated, “It has shown me that if we come together, we can make real progress toward finding solutions. The book Anxious Generation and the club itself have been a strong starting point for creating meaningful change”. At the conclusion of the book club, parents and community members attended a presentation by school staff at Granger middle school addressing the depth and seriousness of this issue and brainstorming ways that school, parents and the community can work together to create a less anxious and healthier future for our children.



IKIGAI:

WHAT IS IT?

By Anagha Joshi

A book titled 'Ikigai', by Héctor García and Francesc Miralles was published in 2017. This term has been gaining a lot of popularity over the last few years, especially after the infamous 2020. I hope this sparks the same fascination for you that I felt when I first encountered the book's title.

I don't want to delve into everything the book covers but would just like to share few key insights and leave the rest for you to explore.

Ikigai, pronounced "ee-kee-guy," is a Japanese concept that brings together - joy of living with a sense of purpose. The term is a combination of the Japanese words 'iki' (to live) and 'gai' (reason), which together signifies "a reason to live."

Here is a visual that helps you explore the intersection of four essential elements of Ikigai.



Your passion (what you love)
 Your vocation (what you're good at)
 Your mission (what the world needs)
 Your profession (what you can be paid for)

I can understand that this is not a very easy concept to embrace as adults, but what if we can try to inculcate this concept in our kids. Talk more about it, maybe give them a chance to learn or identify what they are naturally good at rather than forcing them to follow or live other's dreams. I know it's easier said than done but would love to make a beginning somewhere. Imagine what a beautiful world it would be, where every being on this floating planet lives joyfully, pursuing something they love and the icing on cake would be to be paid for doing what they love!!

And as far as us adults, it may not be practical for some of us to leave our jobs and pursue our dreams, (Though it's never too late!). However, we can still discover our Ikigai in small, meaningful ways. All you need is a little time and nudge from yourself in remembering the things you enjoy doing the most. Find some time in the day, week, or month and identify things/activities that you enjoy doing. Maybe steal little moments of happiness, whenever you can. Go on find your Ikigai!

I am truly thankful to our Newsletter and our Editors who have given me the opportunity to live my Ikigai in a small way, the joy of writing!

10 SIMPLE WAYS TO BEAT THE **Winter Blues**

Winter can be a beautiful season, but the shorter days and chilly weather can sometimes leave us feeling down. If you've been struggling to shake off the winter blues, you're not alone. Here are ten practical and uplifting ways to brighten your days and keep your spirits high:

1. Get Moving

Physical activity is a powerful mood booster. Even a short walk outdoors, a yoga session at home, or a quick workout can release endorphins and help fight off feelings of sadness.

2. Soak Up Natural Light

Daylight can significantly improve your mood. Try to spend time outside during sunny hours which are minimal during the winter, even if it's just sitting by a window. If natural light is scarce, consider investing in a light therapy lamp to mimic sunlight and lift your spirits.

3. Stick to a Sleep Routine

The lack of daylight can disrupt your sleep patterns. Aim for a consistent bedtime and wake-up time to ensure you're getting the rest you need. Quality sleep is key to maintaining emotional balance.

4. Stay Social

Winter can make us want to hibernate, but staying connected with friends and family is vital. Schedule regular phone calls, video chats, or in-person meet-ups to nurture your relationships and share some laughter.

5. Eat Mood-Boosting Foods

A healthy diet can do wonders for your mental health. Incorporate foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids (like salmon or walnuts), vitamin D (like fortified cereals or dairy), and antioxidants (like fruits and vegetables) to help combat low energy and improve mood.

6. Embrace Hygge

The Danish concept of hygge (pronounced "hoo-ga") is all about creating cozy and comforting environments. Light candles, wrap yourself in a soft blanket, and enjoy warm drinks or good books to create a relaxing atmosphere.

7. Try Something New

Winter is a great time to explore new hobbies or interests. Whether it's learning to knit, trying out a new recipe, or taking an online class, engaging in creative activities can keep your mind active and fulfilled.

8. Set Small Goals

Achieving even small accomplishments can give you a sense of purpose and satisfaction. Make a list of winter projects or personal goals and celebrate each step forward.

9. Volunteer or Help Others

Helping others can give you a sense of connection and fulfillment. Look for opportunities to volunteer in your community or simply reach out to someone who might need support.

10. Plan for Fun

Having something to look forward to can be a powerful motivator. Plan a weekend getaway, a virtual game night, or a simple movie marathon. Breaking the monotony with fun activities can make winter feel more exciting.

Final Thoughts

Beating the winter blues takes effort, but with small, intentional changes, you can turn this season into an opportunity for growth, self-care, and connection. Remember, it's okay to reach out for professional help if you're feeling persistently low—your mental health matters. This winter, let's focus on staying positive, staying active, and staying connected.



Happy Holidays

*Wishing you and your family
love, peace, & joy!*

~ ONT Board

Interested in ONT Swim Team?
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2025 updates.



Handbook



Workers Agreement





Cub Scout Pack 215 has been meeting at Nancy Young for the last 25 years! We primarily have scouts (boys & girls) from Young and Brooks Elementary Schools and area are also open to boys and girls from other area schools.



Cub Scout Pack 215 is open to boys and girls from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Check out our public Facebook page to see what we're up to. If you are interested in joining or are looking for more information, scan the code below for more details. Please join us for a meeting to see what we're all about. We have lots of fun things planned for the rest of the year and are always open for new members! We'd love to meet you and tell you more about our Pack.



More info and sign-up

Upcoming Events
December: Hat / Coat / Sock Drive
January: Pinewood Derby
February: Blue & Gold Banquet
Spring / Summer: Rocket Launch



Join the Oakhurst North HOA Community

Are you familiar with the features of TownSq?

What is TownSq?

TownSq is our community digital communications platform that can be accessed through a downloadable App or internet browser. Below is a list of some of the useful features of TownSq. We encourage you to take advantage of this resource! today's fast

Why Should You Sign Up for TownSq?

1 News & Events

Typically posted by management company and includes posts about various topics such as board meeting announcements, holiday schedules and notices of work in common areas.

2 Requests

For owners to submit requests to management company such as to report a maintenance or security concern, submit a modification request or provide a suggestion. This feature allows attachments.

3 Forum

A community message board where people can have conversations through posted messages. Forums are structured around conversation and typically include questions, answers, and responses. Users can ask questions, share their experiences, and discuss topics of interest. Forum is intended to promote a safe exchange of ideas and opinions.

4 Reservations

Owners can submit a clubhouse reservation request (note: additional documents required to complete reservation.)

5 Documents

Contains a large searchable and filterable library of association documents including modifications forms, rules, governing documents, archived newsletters and more.

6 Surveys

Management and the board can post surveys to the community on a topic.

7 Messages

Allows management and board members to send messages to individual owners or groups of owners. Owners can reply to messages but cannot create messages.

How to Sign Up For TownSq?

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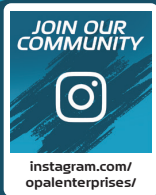
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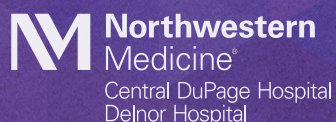
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